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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments.

1. Allowance of Claims 12-43.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 12-43.

2. Allowability of Claims 5-11 if Rewritten.

The Examiner objected to Claims 5-11, noting that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, the Applicant has amended the claims as follows:

- (a) Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 5 and all intervening claims.
- (b) Claim 5 has been canceled.
- (c) Claim 6 has been amended to depend from Claim 1 instead of Claim 5.

Therefore, Claims 1-4 and 6-11 are now in a condition for allowance.

3. Rejection of Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claims 1-4 were rejected as being anticipated by Glendening et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 7,243,132).

Since Claim 1 is now allowable as a result of amending the claim to include the limitations of Claim 5, the rejection of Claims 1-4 based on Glendening et al. is now moot.

4. Amendments Made Without Prejudice or Estoppel.

The Applicant has made the foregoing amendments in order to expedite allowance of the currently pending subject matter. These amendments have been

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made without any prejudice, waiver, or estoppel, and without forfeiture or dedication to the public, with respect to the original subject matter of the claims as originally filed or in their form immediately preceding these amendments. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original scope of these claims in the future, such as through continuation practice, for example.

5. Conclusion.

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 are allowable. Claims 12-43 have been allowed. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

If any informal matters arise with respect to issuance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner please contact the undersigned below at the telephone number indicated in order to discuss such matter.

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